[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

Scrutiny of Appointments made by Mr. Van Ross.

298. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) With reference to the answer to question No. 172 asked on the 29th Karkadakam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state whether the scrutiny by them of the appointments up to Rs. 40 made by the Excise Commissioner at the time of the reorganisation of his department has been finished?

(*b*) Have any changes been effected in the appointments made by the Commissioner, and, if so, will the Government be pleased to state the names and designations of the officers in whose cases such changes were made.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Qualifications for Promotion in the Excise Department.

299. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): In view of the answer to question No. 1 asked on the 14th Karkadakam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state the qualifications prescribed by the Excise Commissioner for appointment and promotion in the Excise Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No qualifications have been prescribed by the Excise Commissoner for appointments and promotions in the Excise Department other than those prescribed in the public service notification. A system of departmental examinations has been recently sanctioned. (*Vide* Notification R. Dis. No. 948 of 24/Development, dated the 17th May, 1924.)

Petitions re Appointments made by the Sanitary Commissioner.

300. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer to question No. 187 [207]* asked on the 28th Karkatakam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps on the twelve representations referred to therein; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have modified any of the appointments made by the Sanitary Commissioner, and the names and designation of the officers concerned?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) All the representations were considered.

(*b*) Yes; in the cases of—

(i) P. Kumara Pillai, Conservancy Overseer, and

(ii) M. Ramaswami Aiyar, Vaccinator.

* Not included in the proceedings of the 28th Karkadakam, as the member was absent at question time.

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